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**GENERAL NOTICE****NOTICE 2136 OF 2004****DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY****CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

In terms of the provisions of section 8(4) of the Consumer Affairs (Unfair Business Practices) Act, 1988 (Act No 71 of 1988), notice is hereby given that the Consumer Affairs Committee intends undertaking an investigation in terms of section 8(1)(b) of the said Act into the marketing of speculative software. **"Speculative software"** means software which claims to assist consumers to understand securities and exchanges and to trade profitably in securities on exchanges and/or software which claim to predict the outcome of horse races. This software is available on stiffies (3½-inch floppy disks), CD ROM disks (compact disks: read only memory) or via the internet through paystations.

Any person may within a period of twenty-one (21) days from the date of this notice make written representations and proposals regarding the above-mentioned investigation to: The Director, Consumer Investigations Directorate, Private Bag X84, Pretoria, 0001. Tel: 012-394-1542, Fax: 012-394-2542. Enquiries: Mr E Mohamed

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